

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, sixty years ago on December 28, 1947, Norvel Burton Hopke took the hand of his beautiful bride, Wilma Louise Nolan, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at the Laddonia Christian Church in Laddonia, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Norvel and Wilma Hopke have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include three children and their spouses, Dennis and Diane Hopke, Debra Hopke, and Daryl and Debra A. Hopke; four grandchildren, Suzanne Barber and her husband, James, Erica Hopke, Alison Hopke, and Scott Hopke; and two great-grandchildren, Paige Barber and Kaden Barber; and

Whereas, Norvel Hopke is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors with Harbison-Walker Refractories in Vandalia; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Wilma Hopke further distinguished herself as the owner/operator of Wilma's Beauty Shop in Laddonia prior to her retirement; and

Whereas, members of the Laddonia Christian Church, Norvel and Wilma Hopke have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Hopke, residents of Laddonia, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on December 28, 2007:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Norvel and Wilma Hopke for their tremendous success in achieving sixty years of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Norvel Burton Hopke, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker